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## STEP UP TO THE PLATE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND 28TH ANNUAL GREGORY K. HAWKINS MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

This has been an exciting year for the Kansas Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The undergraduates have shown tremendous leadership on campus and in the community. Achievements include success in intramurals, academics, and recognition by the organizers of the Race Against Breast Cancer for 10 years of continuous service.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As I mentioned, the Chapter continues to dominate the fraternity community in academics. The men won the grade trophy again, scoring a collective 3.15 G.P.A. for the fall 2005 semester. The traveling trophy hasn't spent much time out of the SigEp Chapter House since the early '90s. Keep up the good work men!

### HOMECOMING 2005

In October 2005, more than 50 alumni returned to Topeka for Homecoming. Several brothers stopped by the Chapter House for brunch and the annual Homecoming parade. It was great to see so many generations of Kansas Deltans back on the front lawn. The weekend ended with an Ichobad victory, adding another win to their record-breaking season. We hope to see more alumni at this fall's Homecoming Weekend.

### ALUMNI WEEKEND

Mark your calendars for the 28th Annual Gregory K. Hawkins Memorial Softball Tournament, scheduled for the weekend of April 28-29. Planned activities include a formal golf tournament on Friday, softball on Saturday morning and afternoon, and an alumni reception scheduled for Saturday evening. Complete details on this event will be available in late March.

Contributions collected during the 2005 golf/softball tournament pushed the Hawkins Scholarship Fund to a 2005 year-end market value of just over \$70,000 and generated nearly \$3,000 for awards to undergraduate brothers.

### CHAPTER HOUSE

In the last newsletter, we told you that the Alumni Board retained the services of a professional consultant to explore the possibility of upgrading or replacing the 37-year-old Chapter House. Details, discussions, and

announcements about this exciting project will move to the forefront in 2006.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Thanks, again, for your continued support of Kansas Delta.



Fraternally,  
**Chris Howe '86**  
Alumni Board President  
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## 28th Annual Gregory K. Hawkins Tournament

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**1:30 p.m.**  
Golf Tournament  
*Shawnee Country Club*

**7:30 p.m.**  
Chapter House Tours  
and Housing Project Update

**8 p.m.**  
"Night on the Town"  
*Varsity Blues, 17th & College*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**9:30 a.m.**  
28th Annual Gregory K. Hawkins  
Memorial Softball Tournament  
*Gage Park Softball Diamonds*

**5 p.m.**  
Alumni Reception  
*Senate Suites*

For more information, please visit [www.ksdelta.com](http://www.ksdelta.com).



## Welcome, New Initiates!

### Miroslav Jezdanov '06

*Belgrade, Serbia*  
Business

### Robbie Van Trump '07

*Overland Park, Kan.*  
Business

### Casey Horton '08

*Council Grove, Kan.*  
Business

Honorary

### Frank Jaksa Jr.\*

(Sons **Matt Jaksa '07**  
and **Frank Jaksa III '03**)

*\*Indicates legacy  
Relatives in parentheses*

## ALUMNI BOARD OFFICERS

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*WaKeeney, Kan.*

## SIGEP SPOTLIGHTS

### FEATURING YOUR KANSAS DELTA BROTHERS

BY NICK ROACH '58

Continuing through our Kansas Delta membership list, bringing you up-to-date on our brothers, we will feature the next four Washburn SigEps by order of pin number. Interestingly, all these brothers are graduates of Topeka High School. Only one, **Bob Roe '57**, spent his entire pursuit of a degree at Washburn. Another one went on to medical school, and the other two transferred before graduation.

### Robert Fisher '53

Bob Fisher transferred to KSU after three years at Washburn, graduating with a bachelor of science degree and then a master's degree in physical chemistry. Bob served in the Korean War. He married Ila Featherson in 1953, and they had two children. Ila passed away in 1990. Bob married Jean Smiley of Topeka in 1992, and they reside in Topeka. Bob retired in 1990 after a long and creative career in the field of digital magnetic recording technology, founding several companies in that field. He has authored more than 60 articles and has been granted 16 U.S. patents during his career. Brother Roe is a 1949 graduate of Topeka High School. He notes his favorite SigEp experience as the Chapter Induction ceremony, and he lists **Dean Parker '52** and **Leland Spurgeon '53** among his closest brothers over the years.

### Robert Roe '57

Bob also graduated from Topeka High School in 1948 and from Washburn in 1957, having served four years in the Navy. He then began a 33-year career with Goodyear, seeing Goodyear facilities all over the world. Bob and his wife, Shan, have five children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren—those are impressive numbers! Bob and Shan live in Topeka. Bob remembers **Bob Brown '52** as one of his favorite brothers, as do a lot of us. The Brown family sent four boys to Washburn, and they all were SigEps (more on them later). Bob notes one of his best Washburn experiences as being graduation. That was the goal, after all, for all of us, right?

### Richard Fisher '53

Richard graduated from Topeka High and attended Washburn, then Kansas State, where he graduated in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in education. He spent two years in the Army, finished a second degree from Kansas University, followed by a master's degree in 1959, and a doctorate in 1969, emphasizing educational psychology. Richard taught in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and at several other high schools while working on all of his degrees. Armed with his doctorate, Richard joined the faculty of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. He eventually retired there in 1993, as a professor emeritus in education. Richard married Jane Secrest in 1959. They have three children and four grandchildren. Richard is the founder and editor of three educational journals: *The Journal of Professional Studies*, *The Rural Educator*, and *The Small School Forum*. He has also prepared two TV courses for in-service training of teachers: Educating the Exceptional Student and Multicultural Education for Teachers.

### John W. Curtis '53

John Curtis, M.D. is a retired dermatologist and lives in Salinas, California. He is a 1949 Topeka High School graduate. He graduated from Washburn in 1953 and the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1957. John's hobbies are tennis, travel, and German Shepherd dogs. Interestingly enough, he also lists his best Washburn experience as graduation. Is there a theme here? His favorite SigEp experience is driving the SigEp National officers around, during a visit to Kansas Delta, in Martin Olson's new Cadillac.



## Kansas Delta Boasts Milestone Year for Community Service



*Kris White '05 and Robbie Van Trump '07 dominate the field in intramural football.*

It is my pleasure to inform you that the men of Kansas Delta are hard at work. Last semester, we dominated grades by obtaining a 3.15 G.P.A., which put us in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. We also have accumulated enough points on the intramural field to clench the season before it's even over. We took first place in dodgeball, softball, indoor and outdoor soccer, and second place in football and volleyball.

**Bravi '06**, and **Tim McCoy '06** logged more than 186 hours of community service.

I would also like to recognize several brothers with individual accomplishments throughout the past year. **Scott Maley '06** was accepted to KU Medical School. **John Swinford '06** and **Miroslav Jezdanov '06** placed second in the Sunflower Rowing Games two-man competition this past summer. **Craig Beougher '06**, **Justin Bravi '06**, **Daniel Casement '06**, Scott Maley, Tim McCoy, John Swinford, **Bryson Wheeler '06**, and **Kris White '05** were all accepted into Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. With these brothers' accomplishments, Kansas Delta set the record for highest accepted members from one single fraternity this year.

This was also a milestone year for community service. Accomplishments include:

- Completing our 10th year with the Race Against Breast Cancer and receiving an award for our dedication.
- Logging more than 700 community service hours and raising more than \$23,000 for local organizations.
- Continuing to host a YouthAids Awareness week on campus each semester and volunteered more than 500 hours of service over the past three years.

It's a great time to be a SigEp at Washburn. I encourage you to stop by the Chapter House to say hello. The men of Kansas Delta would really appreciate your visit. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.



Fraternally,  
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Our most outstanding community service event was over Christmas break when three of our brothers went to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. These three exceptional men helped repair several houses in Biloxi, Mississippi. **Forrest Saucier '08**, **Justin**



*William Nusser '09, Murphy Wells '09, and Casey Horton '08 prepare for the Race Against Breast Cancer philanthropy.*



*Kris White '05 and Nathan Ansley '09 rake leaves at the Chapter House.*

### Alumni Serving Kansas Delta

Yes, I am interested in assisting with and/or serving on the:

- Mentoring an undergraduate leader
- Planning Homecoming activities
- Alumni Board

Name and graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this form to Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kansas Delta Chapter,  
P.O. Box 1951, Topeka, KS 66601, or send an e-mail to  
volunteer@ksdelta.org.*



# ANNUAL DONOR LIST

The first appeal for Kansas Delta's annual campaign had a strong showing, with 33 alumni contributing \$1,815 in the fall of 2005. Your generosity and commitment make a difference in the future of Kansas Delta, and our undergraduate brothers greatly appreciate their alumni for supporting the Chapter. Because of your loyalty, SigEp at Washburn University will only continue to strengthen its bonds.

The following is a list of annual campaign contributors to the Kansas Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The list below reflects all contributors to the fall 2005 annual campaign only. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, or if we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving record are needed, please send them to the Kansas Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, P.O. Box 1951, Topeka, KS 66601. Thank you, again, for your support!

**Balanced Man Club**  
*(\$5,000 and up)*

**Founding Fathers Club**  
*(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*

**Coat of Arms Club**  
*(\$1,000 to \$2,499)*

**Red Door Club**  
*(\$500 to \$999)*

**Ichabod SigEp Club**  
*(\$100 to \$499)*

- Robert J. Bernica '54
- Dean Gilbert '59
- Thomas C. Henderson '70

- Charles C. Wentz '76
- John F. Bergner '79
- Blair T. Johnson '87
- Dr. Loran B. Smith '89
- Brett A. Misse '93

**1951 Club**  
*(Up to \$99)*

- Robert H. Reeder '52
- John W. Curtis, M.D. '53
- David C. Broxterman '55
- F. Burns Hesse '56
- John T. Johnson '56
- Charles E. Beall '57
- Nicholas B. Roach '58
- Raymond A. Stewart Jr. '58
- Raymond L. Nagy '66

- Roger H. VanHoozer '72
- Lee H. Vanriper '72
- Alan M. Zillinger '74
- Brent A. Johnson '84
- Christopher D. Howe '86
- Bradley C. Taylor '92
- R. Clayton Funk '93
- Douglas D. Cunningham '94
- Angelo J. Zuniga '95
- Jeff E. Davis '96
- Eric R. Blevins '01
- S. Casey Mulcahy '01
- Ryan R. Biladeau '03
- Brian M. Clarke '03
- Frank J. Jakska III '03
- Matthew J. Neuman '03

## Kansas Delta Recruitment Recommendation

Prospect's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Does prospect have a ΣΦΕ relative? \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Alumni News

## 1950s

**John T. Johnson '56** and his wife, Delores, live in Burke, Va. They have three children: Julie, John Jr., and Jerry. John is retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was a contract worker with the services during his last four years with USMC headquarters. He had surgery for lung cancer in 2001 and fully retired in 2003 because of his health. He is still under treatment at Walter Reed U.S. Army Hospital. John can be reached at [jjohn5702@aol.com](mailto:jjohn5702@aol.com).

**James F. Snyder '57**, Topeka, Kan., works with advocacy for seniors. He is a member of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature and is the speaker pro tem. Jim is also a member of the Shawnee County Senior Advocacy Council. You can contact him at [rsnyder409@aol.com](mailto:rsnyder409@aol.com).

## 1960s

**George E. McClintock '62**, Platte City, Mo., retired from the military in 1981 after serving 23 years in both the Army and Air Force. After retirement, he worked for contractors to the Army until 2003. George has served on the City Planning and Zoning Commission and is now the alderman and special events coordinator for Platte City. George and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Susan and George Jr. You may e-mail him at [gemclin@earthlink.net](mailto:gemclin@earthlink.net).

**Raymond L. Nagy '66** retired from his law practice and relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Nancy. They have two children, Ray and Julie. Raymond enjoys all of the golf courses in the area and loves to ride his Harley while taking in all of the desert views. He would love to hear from his brothers. Send an e-mail to him at [raynag@cox.net](mailto:raynag@cox.net).

**James E. Donahue '69**, Oklahoma City, Okla., retired from Fleming Companies in 1998 after 24 years of service. He went back to work in 1999 at the *Oklahoman* newspaper, where he is currently

employed. James and his wife, Betty Jo, have three daughters. Contact James at [jdonahue@oklahoman.com](mailto:jdonahue@oklahoman.com).

## 1970s

**Angelo Cocolis '70** is in his 10th year as principal of Shawnee Mission East High School. His wife, former SigEp Sweetheart Sara Shelton Cocolis, is in her fifth year as principal of Winnwood Elementary School in the North Kansas City School District. They live in Shawnee, Kan., and have three children (all married) and six grandchildren. Angie can be reached at [eacocoli@smsd.org](mailto:eacocoli@smsd.org).

**Rex M. Haney '73** and his wife, Kathi, just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. They live in Topeka, Kan., and have two children, Britt and Bernie. Rex and Kathi own and work at Gage Center Bowl. They welcome any brothers to stop by and see them if you are ever in Topeka. Contact Rex at [redhaney@aol.com](mailto:redhaney@aol.com).

## 1980s

**Gregory W. Messersmith '82**, El Cerrito, Calif., and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Phenix and Alexis. Greg is the owner and president of Respiratory Staffing Inc. The company held its annual Board of Directors Meeting in Puerto Vallarta on Labor Day. SigEp brothers in attendance were **Mike Sheahon '79**, **Greg Woertz '81**, and **Mark Yager '76**. Greg noted, "The meeting was short, but the socializing lasted five days." E-mail Greg at [rtstaffing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtstaffing@sbcglobal.net).

**Russell W. Intravartolo '86**, Palatine, Ill., races superbikes for Kawasaki. He qualified for the Daytona 200 in March 2005. In addition to racing bikes, Russ is the president of StarNet. The company provides dial-up Internet access and telephone services across North America. His daughter, Amanda, started school at the University of Kansas this fall. Russ also has a son, Matthew. You can reach Russ at [russ@starnetusa.net](mailto:russ@starnetusa.net).

**Kevin L. Willams '89** lives in Topeka, Kan., with Heather, his wife of 18 years, and their two children. Their son, Brandon, is a senior at Seaman High School, and their daughter, Brittany, is a freshman. Kevin finished school in December and became a network specialist for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Kevin's e-mail address is [chiefgeeks@cox.net](mailto:chiefgeeks@cox.net).

## 1990s

**Brett A. Misse '93** is a social studies teacher at Gardner-Edgerton High School in Gardner, Kansas. He opened a Tropical Sno franchise in Gardner last summer, which will reopen in April. He and his wife, Kourtney, have two children, Lauren and Grant. Contact Brett at [ksdelta644@yahoo.com](mailto:ksdelta644@yahoo.com).

**Douglas D. Cunningham '94** and his wife, Simone, welcomed the birth of their first child, Sara Elizabeth, on September 1, 2005. Sara was born 12 weeks premature but has made good progress. Doug was promoted to controller of SE Relays, a recent acquisition of his company, Schneider Electric. He and his family live in Woodridge, Ill. Doug can be reached at [doungsimone@comcast.net](mailto:doungsimone@comcast.net).

**Jason N. Nasse '94** and his wife, Katie, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Henry Charles. Henry was born on September 21, 2005. The new family resides in Overland Park, Kan. You can contact Jason at [jknasse@planetkc.com](mailto:jknasse@planetkc.com).

**Nathan B. Ruiz '94**, Wichita, Kan., has worked for the Sedgwick County Sheriff Department since 1999. He was promoted from detention deputy to detention corporal this past January. Nate can be reached at [ruiz\\_166@yahoo.com](mailto:ruiz_166@yahoo.com).

**Glynn S. Spencer Jr. '95** and his wife, Teri, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Ruth. She was born in Japan on September 22, 2005, while Glynn was in the military. You can reach Glynn at [glynnspeencer@yahoo.com](mailto:glynnspeencer@yahoo.com).

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# Alumni News

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## 2000s

**Jason T. Neff '00** and his wife, Jamie, moved back to Topeka, Kan., from Nashville, Tenn., in March 2005. After completing his MBA at Vanderbilt University, Jason accepted a position as an equity research analyst for Security Management Co. Jamie is a senior auditor for Deloitte and Touche. You can contact Jason at [jneff01@cox.net](mailto:jneff01@cox.net).

**Eric R. Blevins '01** will graduate from Washburn Law in May 2006. He is engaged to Alison Garrett, a 2005 Washburn graduate, who is now in her first year of medical school at KU Med.

## Let Us Hear From You!

There's no doubt about where most Kansas Delta alumni readers turn first—straight to the alumni news section, where you can learn the latest news regarding your brothers. Everyone who knows you enjoys seeing your name in print and we are glad to put it there. So, how about letting us hear from you so your friends can catch up on your news? Take a moment to write us and bring us up-to-date. You don't need a special form; just jot down a few words about yourself and send it to: **The Kansas Deltan, P.O. Box 1951, Topeka, KS 66601.**

You are also welcome to submit an article or letter to the editor or via e-mail to [adinkel@penningtonco.com](mailto:adinkel@penningtonco.com). You may comment on any previous article or voice an opinion on items of interest. It's your newsletter, so let yourself be heard!

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### ATTENTION:

*This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your Sigma Phi Epsilon son still attends Washburn University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

## WEB SITES

**ΣΦΕ Headquarters** [www.sigep.org](http://www.sigep.org)  
**Washburn University** [www.washburn.edu](http://www.washburn.edu)  
**Kansas Delta Alumni** [www.ksdelta.com](http://www.ksdelta.com)  
**Washburn Athletics** [www.wusports.com](http://www.wusports.com)  
**Kansas Delta Chapter** [www.ksdelta.org](http://www.ksdelta.org)

## Calendar of Undergraduate Events

**March 27-31** YouthAids Week  
**April 1** Epsilon Right of Passage  
**April 8** Formal  
**April 22** Moms' Day

## Undergraduate Officers

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*Robbie Van Trump '07 and Aaron Dulaney '08 cheer on participants during Race Against Breast Cancer.*